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FROM: DDI Coordinator, Nuclear Proliferation Cross-cutting Theme

SUBJECT: Nuclear Reactor Under Construction in North Korea [REDACTED]

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1. The attached memorandum is to alert you to our recent identification of a reactor under construction in North Korea that will, when completed, be capable of producing significant quantities of nuclear weapons-grade plutonium. The reactor has been under construction for four years but has only recently reached the stage at which its potential size and plutonium production capacity can be assessed. [REDACTED]

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2. Although there is no evidence that spent fuel reprocessing facilities are being constructed, completion of this reactor will be a significant step towards a North Korean capability to produce nuclear weapons. Clearly, South Korea will likely conclude that the North is planning to develop nuclear weapons and will reassess its own options.

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3. The attached memorandum is based on a preliminary analysis [REDACTED] Analysis is continuing and the specific numerical estimates included in the attached are subject to change. [REDACTED]

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